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1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Runaway, Homeless,  
3 and Missing Children Protection Act”.

4 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO RUN-**  
5 **AWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH**  
6 **ACT**

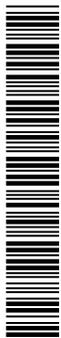
7 **SEC. 101. AMENDMENT TO FINDINGS.**

8 Section 302 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act  
9 (42 U.S.C. 5701) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 302. FINDINGS.**

11 “The Congress finds that—

12 “(1) youth who have become homeless or who  
13 leave and remain away from home without parental  
14 permission, are at risk of developing, and have a dis-  
15 proportionate share of, serious health, behavioral,  
16 and emotional problems because they lack sufficient  
17 resources to obtain care and may live on the street  
18 for extended periods thereby endangering themselves  
19 and creating a substantial law enforcement problem  
20 for communities in which they congregate;



1           “(2) many such young people, because of their  
2           age and situation, are urgently in need of temporary  
3           shelter and services, including services that are lin-  
4           guistically appropriate and acknowledge the environ-  
5           ment of youth seeking these services;

6           “(3) in view of the interstate nature of the  
7           problem, it is the responsibility of the Federal Gov-  
8           ernment to develop an accurate national reporting  
9           system to report the problem, and to assist in the  
10          development of an effective system of care (including  
11          preventive and aftercare services, emergency shelter  
12          services, extended residential shelter, and street out-  
13          reach services) outside the welfare system and the  
14          law enforcement system;

15          “(4) to make a successful transition to adult-  
16          hood, runaway youth, homeless youth, and other  
17          street youth need opportunities to complete high  
18          school or earn a general equivalency degree, learn  
19          job skills, and obtain employment; and

20          “(5) improved coordination and collaboration  
21          between the Federal programs that serve runaway  
22          and homeless youth are necessary for the develop-  
23          ment of a long-term strategy for responding to the  
24          needs of this population.”.



1 **SEC. 102. ELIGIBILITY.**

2 Section 312(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 5712(a)) is amended by striking “juve-  
4 niles” each place it appears and inserting “youth”.

5 **SEC. 103. RECOGNITION OF STATE LAW RELATING TO CA-**  
6 **PACITY LIMITATION ON ELIGIBLE RUNAWAY**  
7 **AND HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS.**

8 Section 312(b)(2)(A) of the Runaway and Homeless  
9 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5712(b)(2)(A)) is amended by in-  
10 serting after “youth” the following: “, except where the  
11 applicant assures that the State where the center or locally  
12 controlled facility is located has a State or local law or  
13 regulation that requires a higher maximum to comply with  
14 licensure requirements for child and youth serving facili-  
15 ties”.

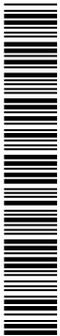
16 **SEC. 104. MATERNITY GROUP HOMES.**

17 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 322(a)(1) of the Runaway  
18 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2(a)(1)) is  
19 amended—

20 (1) by inserting after “group homes,” the fol-  
21 lowing: “including maternity group homes,”; and

22 (2) by inserting after “use of credit,” the fol-  
23 lowing: “parenting skills (as appropriate),”.

24 (b) **DEFINITION.**—Section 322 of the Runaway and  
25 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2) is amended by  
26 adding at the end the following new subsection:



1           “(c) DEFINITION.—In this part, the term ‘maternity  
2 group home’ means a community-based, adult-supervised  
3 transitional living arrangement that provides pregnant or  
4 parenting youth and their children with a supportive and  
5 supervised living arrangement in which such pregnant or  
6 parenting youth are required to learn parenting skills, in-  
7 cluding child development, family budgeting, health and  
8 nutrition, and other skills to promote their long-term eco-  
9 nomic independence in order to ensure the well-being of  
10 their children.”.

11 **SEC. 105. LIMITED EXTENSION OF 540-DAY SHELTER ELIGI-**  
12 **BILITY PERIOD.**

13           Section 322(a)(2) of the Runaway and Homeless  
14 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2(a)(2)) is amended by in-  
15 serting after “days” the following: “, except that a youth  
16 in a program under this part who is under the age of 18  
17 years on the last day of the 540-day period may, if other-  
18 wise qualified for the program, remain in the program  
19 until the earlier of the youth’s 18th birthday or the 180th  
20 day after the end of the 540-day period”.

21 **SEC. 106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22           (a) OTHER THAN PART E.—Section 388(a)(1) of the  
23 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 5751(a)(1)) is amended by striking “such sums as may  
25 be necessary for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003”



1 and inserting “\$105,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, and  
2 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005,  
3 2006, 2007, and 2008”.

4 (b) PART E.—Section 388(a)(4) of the Runaway and  
5 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5751(a)(4)) is amended  
6 by striking “2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003” and inserting  
7 “2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008”.

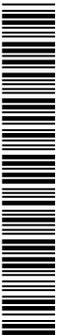
8 (c) PART B ALLOCATION.—Section 388(a)(2)(B) of  
9 the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 5751(a)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “not less than 20  
11 percent, and not more than 30 percent” and inserting “45  
12 percent and, in those fiscal years in which continuation  
13 grant obligations and the quality and number of appli-  
14 cants for parts A and B warrant not more than 55 per-  
15 cent”.

16 **SEC. 107. COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS.**

17 The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
18 5701 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 314  
19 (42 U.S.C. 5714) the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 315. COORDINATION.**

21 “The Secretary shall consult, as appropriate, the Sec-  
22 retary of Housing and Urban Development to ensure co-  
23 ordination of programs and services for homeless youth.”.



1 **SEC. 108. PART A PLAN COORDINATION ASSURANCES.**

2 Section 312(b)(4)(B) of the Runaway and Homeless  
3 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5712(b)(4)(B)) is amended by strik-  
4 ing “personnel” and all that follows through the semicolon  
5 and inserting “McKinney-Vento school district liaisons,  
6 designated under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKin-  
7 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432  
8 (g)(1)(J)(ii)), to assure that runaway and homeless youth  
9 are provided information about the educational services  
10 available to such youth under subtitle B of title VII of  
11 that Act;”.

12 **SEC. 109. PART B PLAN COORDINATION AGREEMENT.**

13 Section 322(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2(a)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the  
16 end of paragraph (13);

17 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
18 graph (14) and inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
20 paragraph:

21 “(15) to coordinate services with McKinney-  
22 Vento school district liaisons, designated under sec-  
23 tion 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
24 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)),  
25 to assure that runaway and homeless youth are pro-  
26 vided information about the educational services



1 available to such youth under subtitle B of title VII  
2 of that Act.”.

3 **SEC. 110. PART B PLAN DEVELOPMENT.**

4 Section 322(a)(7) of the Runaway and Homeless  
5 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2(a)(7)) is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 “(7) to develop an adequate plan to ensure  
8 proper referral of homeless youth to social service,  
9 law enforcement, educational (including post-sec-  
10 ondary education), vocational, training (including  
11 services and programs for youth available under the  
12 Workforce Investment Act of 1998), welfare (includ-  
13 ing programs under the Personal Responsibility and  
14 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), legal  
15 service, and health care programs and to help inte-  
16 grate and coordinate such services for youths;”.

17 **SEC. 111. CLARIFICATION.**

18 Section 343(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–23(a)) is amended by inserting after  
20 “service projects” the following: “regarding activities  
21 under this title”.

22 **SEC. 112. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

23 The section heading of section 344 of the Runaway  
24 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–24) is amended  
25 by striking “TEMPORARY”.



1 **SEC. 113. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION.**

2 The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 5701 et seq.) is amended by striking section 345 (42  
4 U.S.C. 5714–25).

5 **SEC. 114. REPORT ON PROMISING STRATEGIES TO END**  
6 **YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**

7 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services, in consultation with the United States Inter-  
10 agency Council on Homelessness, shall submit to the Con-  
11 gress a report on promising strategies to end youth home-  
12 lessness.

13 **SEC. 115. STUDY OF HOUSING SERVICES AND STRATEGIES.**

14 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
15 conduct a study of programs funded under part B of the  
16 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–1 et  
17 seq.) to report on long-term housing outcomes for youth  
18 after exiting the program. The study of any such program  
19 should provide information on housing services available  
20 to youth upon exiting the program, including assistance  
21 in locating and retaining permanent housing and referrals  
22 to other residential programs. In addition, the study  
23 should identify housing models and placement strategies  
24 that prevent future episodes of homelessness.



1 **SEC. 116. AGE LIMIT FOR HOMELESS YOUTH.**

2 Section 387(3)(A)(i) of the Runaway and Homeless  
3 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)(A)(i)) is amended by in-  
4 serting after “of age” the following: “, or, in the case of  
5 a youth seeking shelter in a center under part A, not more  
6 than 18 years of age”.

7 **SEC. 117. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

8 The heading for part A of the Runaway and Home-  
9 less Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5711 et seq.) is amended by  
10 striking “RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH” and insert-  
11 ing “BASIC CENTER”.

12 **TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO**  
13 **MISSING CHILDREN’S ASSIST-**  
14 **ANCE ACT**

15 **SEC. 201. AMENDMENT TO FINDINGS.**

16 Section 402 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act  
17 (42 U.S.C. 5771) is amended to read as follows:

18 **“SEC. 402. FINDINGS.**

19 “The Congress finds that—

20 “(1) each year thousands of children are ab-  
21 ducted or removed from the control of a parent hav-  
22 ing legal custody without such parent’s consent,  
23 under circumstances which immediately place the  
24 child in grave danger;

25 “(2) many missing children are at great risk of  
26 both physical harm and sexual exploitation;



1           “(3) in many cases, parents and local law en-  
2           forcement officials have neither the resources nor  
3           the expertise to mount expanded search efforts;

4           “(4) abducted children are frequently moved  
5           from one locality to another, requiring the coopera-  
6           tion and coordination of local, State, and Federal  
7           law enforcement efforts;

8           “(5) the National Center for Missing and Ex-  
9           ploited Children—

10                   “(A) serves as the national resource center  
11                   and clearinghouse;

12                   “(B) works in partnership with the De-  
13                   partment of Justice, the Federal Bureau of In-  
14                   vestigation, the Department of the Treasury,  
15                   the Department of State, and many other agen-  
16                   cies in the effort to find missing children and  
17                   prevent child victimization; and

18                   “(C) operates a national and increasingly  
19                   worldwide network, linking the Center online  
20                   with each of the missing children clearinghouses  
21                   operated by the 50 States, the District of Co-  
22                   lumbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as with Scot-  
23                   land Yard in the United Kingdom, the Royal  
24                   Canadian Mounted Police, INTERPOL head-  
25                   quarters in Lyon, France, and others, which en-



1           able the Center to transmit images and infor-  
2           mation regarding missing children to law en-  
3           forcement across the United States and around  
4           the world instantly.”.

5 **SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6           (a) ANNUAL GRANT TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
7 MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.—Section 404(b)(2)  
8 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 5773(b)(2)) is amended by striking “2005” and inserting  
10 “2008”.

11           (b) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a) of the Missing  
12 Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5777(a)) is amended  
13 by striking “2005.” and inserting “2008”.

